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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TSUNEAKI KURUMIDA) Examiner: S. Hong
Application No.: 08/703,399) Group Art Unit: 2776
Filed: August 26, 1996)
For: OUTLINE FORMING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD)
USING INPUTTED WEIGHT)
INFORMATION (AS AMENDED) : Date: February 26, 1999

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These references were cited in an Office Action in a counterpart foreign application, a copy of which is also enclosed, on November 27, 1998. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to their respective English abstracts also enclosed.



CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

It is hereby certified that each item of information in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialled and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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